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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 09TH AUGUST, 2024.

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-02/2024-The Saifce Burhani University Bill, 2024 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 10th June, 2024 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 08th July, 2024 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE SAIFEE BURHANI UNIVERSITY ACT, 2024.

SINDH ACT NO. V OF 2024.

AN
ACT

to provide for the establishment of the University known as the Saifce Burhani University.

WHEREAS His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (TUS) and the Dawat-e-Hadiyah Trust have established in Pakistan a Saifce Burhani University whose programmes will promote educational welfare in general and the welfare of the people of Pakistan in particular. They have expressed the desire to establish an autonomous university in Pakistan for the promotion and dissemination of knowledge and technology and for providing instructions, training, research, demonstration and services nationally and internationally with such other branches of learning as the University may determine;

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the University known as the Saifce Burhani University.

It is hereby enacted as follows:

CHAPTER-I
PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title and commencement:** - (1) This Act may be called the Saifce Burhani University Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (b) "affiliated institution or college" means an educational institution or college affiliated to the University but not maintained or administered by it;
- (c) "Authority" means any of the authorities of the University specified in section 19;
- (d) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University specified in section 20;
- (e) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson or head of the Teaching Department;
- (f) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (g) "constituent college or institution" means a college or an institution maintained and administered by the University in which arrangements exist for imparting instructions in general, technical professional education or other disciplines of higher learning and such other subjects as may be prescribed;
- (h) "Dean" means the head of Faculty;
- (i) "Director" means the head of a teaching or administrative division of an institute;
- (j) "distance learning or "online learning" means a form of education where students can acquire knowledge and skills remotely through digital platforms, without the need for physical presence in a traditional classroom setting;
- (k) "Faculty" means an academic division within the University comprising of one or more Teaching Departments;
- (l) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

- (m) "HEC" means the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan established under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (No. LIII of 2002);
- (n) "Officer" means any of the officers of the University specified in section 5;
- (o) "Online Campus" means a campus which refers to a virtual environment that simulates a physical campus, providing digital tools and resources for remote learners who are enrolled with the University to access educational materials, interact with instructors and peers, and participate in virtual classes and activities maintained and administered by the University;
- (p) "Patron" means the Patron of the University;
- (q) "prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules;
- (r) "Principal" means the head of a constituent or affiliated college or institution;
- (s) "Pro Chancellor" means the Pro Chancellor of the University;
- (t) "Professor Emeritus" means a retired Professor appointed by the Chancellor on honorary basis;
- (u) "Pro-Vice Chancellor" means the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University;
- (v) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- (w) "SHEC" means the Sindh Higher Education Commission established under the Sindh Higher Education Commission Act, 2013 (Sindh Act No.XI of 2013);
- (x) "statutes", "regulations" and "rules" mean respectively, the statutes, regulations and rules made under this Act;
- (y) "Teacher" means the whole-time teacher engaged as a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and such other persons as may be declared to be the Teachers;
- (z) "Teaching Department" means the Teaching Department of the University;
- (aa) "Trust" means the Dawat-e-Hadiyah Trust registered under the laws of Province of Sindh and Pakistan;
- (bb) "University" means the Saif-e-Burhani University established under this Act; and
- (cc) "Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University appointed by the Chancellor under section-9;

CHAPTER-II
THE UNIVERSITY

3. Incorporation of the University. (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Saifce Burhani University, consisting of the Patron, Chancellor, Pro Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, members of the Board, Registrar, Deans, Chairperson, the members of the Academic Council, and such other Officers as may be Prescribed, from time to time.

(2) The University shall be a body corporate by the name Saifce Burhani University, owned by the Trust and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued by the said name.

(3) The University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both moveable and immovable, to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any moveable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

(4) The University shall be open to all persons of either sex, of whatever religion, race, creed, class, color or domicile, who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the University, and no such person shall be denied the privilege on the said ground.

(5) The moral and ethical codes employed on the University will be based on and derived from the cardinal principles and the guidance embodied in the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet (SAWW).

4. Powers and functions of the University. The University shall be a fully autonomous body with the freedom to govern its academic functions, in order to achieve its objectives, in particular, and subject to such instructions as issued from time to time by Government. The University shall have following powers and functions to -

- (a) establish campuses (including Online Campus), Faculties, Teaching Departments, research institutes, constituent colleges or institutions and other distance learning/online learning centers in any and all branches of learning and to provide and support other facilities for education, professional training and research;
- (b) confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner as may be prescribed;
- (c) affiliate and disaffiliate educational institutions and inspect colleges and other educational institutions affiliated or seeking affiliation with it;
- (d) cooperate with other universities and public authorities in such manner and for such purposes in the prescribed manner;
- (e) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and prizes in such manner as may be prescribed;
- (f) to provide for instructions in general, technical and professional education or other disciplines of higher learning, and other subjects as may be prescribed and in such branches of learning as it may deem fit, and to make provision for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- (g) to admit students and hold examinations and to award and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on the persons, who have been admitted to, and have passed its examinations under the prescribed conditions;
- (h) to prescribe courses of studies, curriculum and undertake research;
- (i) to initiate different on-campus, academic and vocational programs of studies in all branches of learning and to provide and support other facilities for education, professional training and research;

